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Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out the deficiency in the previously-submitted Amendment. As a supplement to that Amendment, applicants furnish this Office with the (1) status of all patent claims, pending or canceled, and of all added claims, and (2) an explanation of support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes made to the claims. Regarding the status, claims 1-20 and 22 of the patent remain pending with claims 21, 23, and 24 being cancelled. Added claims 25-27 remain pending. Thus, claims 1-20, 22, and 25-28 are now pending in this case.

With regard for support in the disclosure for the changes that were made to the claims, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following portions of the specification: column 3, lines 20-21; column 3, lines 30-32; column 3, lines 33-36; column 3, lines 42-46; column 4, lines 26-34; column 5, lines 4-41, particularly lines 4-20; column 5, lines 55-67; and FIGs. 3-5.

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